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Ben Brancel, Secretary

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To: Board of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

From: Ben Brancel, Secretary *Ben Brancel*
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Programs regulating restaurants and vending machines were transferred from the Department of Health Services (DHS) to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Department) effective July 1, 2016. As a result, food safety is now regulated by one state-level agency, with establishment inspections conducted by Department Sanitarians or local health department Sanitarians acting as agents for the Department.

Recreational Licensing programs (hotels and other lodging establishments, pools and recreational water facilities, campgrounds, and recreational / educational camps) were also transferred to the Department on July 1, 2016. On this date, the Division of Food Safety became the Division of Food and Recreational Safety. The Division is comprised of the Bureau of Food and Recreational Businesses, and the Bureau of Meat and Poultry Businesses.

This presentation will highlight the status of the newly enlarged Division, with particular attention paid to renewal of licenses previously issued by DHS, staffing and cross-training, rule revision, electronic documentation of inspection results, and tracking of work time to provide data supporting reevaluation of license types and fees.

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